

The Congressman Saw The Contrast



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CHARLOTTE'S ancient Southern train depot is "practically ready to fall down."

And Charlotte's sparkling airport terminal is "beautiful."

The thoughts are not new—but the words were spoken on the floor of Congress this week by a Congressman from Illinois.

Rep. William Springer (R-Ill.) made the remarks.

WHAT DOES WILLIAM SPRINGER know of Charlotte's transportation facilities? He saw them both on a recent trip to the state to speak to Lincoln Day dinners in Morganton and Hickory.

He made his statement in a speech from the floor of the House of Representatives this week concerning a federal airport bill.

He said:

"May I say that the other day I had occasion to go down to Charlotte, N. C. Here was a railroad station that in my estimation was practically ready to fall down. It was not getting any subsidy to rebuild. I came back to Washington by air.

"Here was a beautiful new airport in Charlotte, and the marble inside the airport was at a level higher than my head. I am not saying that it is worse. Certainly, Charlotte has every right to build any kind of airport it wants. I am just saying that these airports are receiving subsidies that are going to the ultimate benefit of the airlines."

Note to Rep. Springer: Plans for a new Southern railroad station are going ahead. Come back. We'll have something new for you to see in a few years—but we don't guarantee head-level marble.

Test Chamber Suicide Aid

WASHINGTON—An airman used a high altitude test chamber as a suicide today, the Air Force said today.

A headquarters spokesman said "It has been established" that airman Walter Moore of Aniston, Ala., killed himself by this bizarre method at Davis-McCann Air Force Base, Atza, March 8.

The Pentagon spokesman said Moore boosted himself to the equivalent of 70,000 feet altitude where there is virtually no air. Life can be sustained at such height only by providing oxygen through a helmet or other such means.

The Air Force said Moore started the pumps on the chamber after all other workers had left about 6 p.m., then entered the chamber. His body was found the next morning. The indicated altitude registered the maximum of 70,000 feet of which the chamber was capable.

His assignment included work in and around the chamber, the Air Force said, adding that he was considered a model airman. Moore, who attended the University of Arizona during off duty time, is survived by his mother, Mrs. C. W. Moore, 725 Highland Ave., Anniston, Ala.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warmer today, cloudy and mild with showers tonight and Saturday.

Low this morning . . . 41
Low tomorrow morning . . . 40
High today . . . 70
High yesterday . . . 58
High tomorrow . . . 68

Sunrise today 6:29 a.m.; sunset today 6:34 p.m.

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Local Bill Passed

Assembly Says OK To 'Copter Plan

RALEIGH — The City of Charlotte has given the green light to get into the business of transporting passengers, property and air mail via helicopter.

The North Carolina Senate followed House approval by enacting into law today a measure which authorizes Charlotte to apply to federal or state authorities for a franchise to operate a helicopter transportation service in a 15-mile radius of any airport owned by the city.

PURCHASE BILL

A bill designed to find new markets for products turned out by prison industries got House approval today following lengthy debate. The main provision of the bill would require state agencies and departments to purchase from prison industries so long as standards of quality and price were met. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Rep. Norwood Ansell of Currituck has announced he will draft legislation aimed at getting the legs to running and getting highway betting windows in operation again at Moyock race track.

To get around a State Supreme Court decision which closed tracks at Moyock and Morehead City, Rep. Ansell said his bill would be a statewide measure with local option features. It would permit any county to vote on whether to legalize tracks and betting.

TAX MEASURES

Bills to provide uniform assessment of property taxes in the 100 counties of the state were introduced in the House and Senate today. The identical measures would carry out recommendations of the State Tax Study Commission.

One bill would set up a uniform assessment plan, while the other would provide for systematic revaluation of property on an eight-year basis.

The House and Senate will meet in joint session Monday night to act on appointments by Gov. Hodges to the State Board of Higher Education. To be confirmed are the governor's selections of Dallas Herring of Rose Hill and Mrs. Thomas R. Easterling of Rocky Mount as Eastern state members.

SUSPENDED LICENSES RETURNED

RALEIGH — A State Supreme Court decision opened the door and requests are pouring in to the Motor Vehicle Dept. for the return of driver licenses suspended for habitual violators.

Asst. Motor Vehicles Commissioner Joe Garrett said the department is passing out the suspended licenses as fast as requests come in. "We have no choice," he added.

In a decision Wednesday, the Supreme Court said the law under which the department had been suspending licenses of persons charged as habitual violators contained too broad a grant of authority. The court ruled the law unconstitutional.

PETER TO BILL

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. (AP) — A petition was submitted in District Court by George Peter, Janetako, who asked to have his name changed. He wants it changed to George Bill Janetako.

—SPUNKY CAPTIVE DEFENDS FAMILY— Captured Kidnaper Vows He'll Have Revenge

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — Ex-convict Richard Payne, sitting under the harsh lights of a police station, swore today he will have his revenge on Burton Junior Post, a former cellmate at the West Virginia Penitentiary. "I only got here because of a former cellmate at the state penitentiary — Burton Junior Post—did he seem a bit upset."

HATE AT FIRST SIGHT

"Have you ever heard of hate at first sight?" he asked

youngsters Wednesday night, he let me know demanding the governor release Post, his self-styled arch enemy from prison so he could kill him.

"If they send me back to the pen I'm going to kill Post," he said. "They can't keep me from him in there. I just hope he's ready for me."

reporters who were questioning him. "That's the way it was for me when I saw Burton Junior Post."

Yesterday Post said he knew of no reason why Payne was out to get him. The two had been cellmates for a time but were when Payne was released a little more than a week ago after serving a term for armed robbery.

What was the first thing you did when you got home? Look for a job?

LOOKED FOR GUN

"The first thing I looked for was a gun," he answered. "I said he planned every move of the kidnaping long before he was released from prison."

What did you plan to do with Mrs. Baldwin and the children?

"At first I fully intended to kill two of them as I said I would, but after I got to know the children I couldn't do it. I should have killed my mind in order to carry out my plans. That was a personal weakness on my part."

Payne said he had had no doubts that Gov. Cecil H. Underwood would stand for this. See KIDNAPER on page 2-A



Police Take Ex-Conv, Free Four Hostages

Ike, Mac Begin Talks On Berlin

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Macmillan got together today and headed off for a weekend of informal talks on the German problem at a mountain retreat.

Macmillan and Selwyn Lloyd, the British foreign minister, came to the White House. They and the President left almost immediately after handshakes and formal greetings.

They were going first to the Army's Walter Reed Hospital for a visit with acting Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

After a half hour or so with Dulles, they were to board helicopters which would take them to Eisenhower's closely guarded mountain work-camp spot, called Camp David.

At the rustic retreat in the Catoctin Mountains, about 65 miles from Washington, Eisenhower and Macmillan will plunge into detailed discussions which will cover issues occurring through Sunday. Final talks probably will be held at the White House on Monday.

Working with each man were four advisers, including Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

During the conferences, they will seek to reconcile conflicting views and develop a unified allied viewpoint for negotiating with the U.S.S.R.

Macmillan, arriving from Ottawa, called for the development of "common policies that combine firmness and reasonableness."

NO EVIDENCE

Among the chief Allied leaders — Macmillan, Eisenhower, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and French President Charles de Gaulle—there was no evidence of any disagreement on the need for firmness in facing up to the Soviet challenger over Berlin. The governments of all four have proclaimed their intention to preserve their rights and their access to West Berlin under the threat of Communist blockade and the danger of war.

The split among the Allies appears to be caused rather by the question of what constitutes "reasonableness" in the preparation of proposals which they may present to the Soviet Union in a future ministers meeting in May.

One of the points at issue is a possibility of following up the former ministers session with a summit conference.

Another basic difference concerns the problem of German reunification. Eisenhower's advisers say privately that the United States wants to press the Soviet every way possible toward merging West Germany and Communist East Germany.



RICHARD PAYNE

Explosion Halts Bid For Freedom

RAWLINS, Wyo. (AP) — Four Wyoming state prison inmates—three of them convicted murderers—were thwarted in an escape attempt yesterday by a flash explosion in the tunnel they were digging.

One of them — Donald Victor Wilke, 28 — was in serious condition following the explosion, suffering second degree burns.

The four had jammed their cell doors and the bullpen door, forced their way into the old hanging chamber of the prison, then dropped through a trap door into a tool shed, broke a hole in its concrete floor and started digging the tunnel.

Near the end of their venture, some 50 feet away from the west wall of the prison, the

explosion occurred. It was apparently caused by igniting of a leaking gas main running along the wall.

The other three prisoners are Dale Swainard, 20, Lynn Fuller, 37, and George C. "Big" Adams, 34. Swainard, Fuller and Adams are all serving terms for second degree murder. Adams is considered a habitual criminal.

The group returned through the tunnel to the tool shed after the explosion and called for help.

Dr. Robert D. Paul, prison physician, said Wilke had been burned and there was possible lung damage.

None of the others was injured.

Road Block Halts Vengeance-Bent Man

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — A 29-year-old mother and her three children, pawns in an ex-convict's mad scheme against a former cellmate, were rescued by state police after being held captive for 20 hours.

Richard A. Payne surrendered late yesterday afternoon at a road-block near Logan, some 70 miles south of here, after firing two shots at trailing police. He had planned to use Mrs. Elma Baldwin and her children as a wedge to force the release of Burton Junior Post from the state penitentiary.

Payne had vowed vengeance—and death—on Post and threatened torture and death to his hostages if his demands were not met. The two men were cellmates for 17 months of Payne's seven years in prison.

FREE EIGHT DAYS

Payne was released from prison eight days ago. Today, the 23-year-old, sallow-bearded young man faces kidnapping charges.

In jail, Payne stuck to his story of why he kidnapped the 28-year-old mother and her children from their home in nearby South Charleston Wednesday night.

He said he wanted them as hostages to force the release of Post. Payne said he had planned the kidnaping for about two weeks but didn't select the Baldwins as his victims until he went to their home—three doors away from his house—and gained admittance on the pretext of wanting to use the bathroom.

The Baldwin family car was spotted late yesterday afternoon on West Virginia 10 by state troopers J. E. Asbury and R. C. Stover.

They radioed ahead for help and Corp. M. S. Hofstetter, detachment commander at Logan, took station on the edge of the city to intercept Payne.

Payne fired twice at the trailing police car. One shot smashed the windshield of the cruiser, but neither officer was hit.

Payne stopped and surrendered about 100 yards from headquarters, where Hofstetter confronted him with a riot gun.

Evening Prayer

Our Father, we thank Thee now for the gift of Thy Son who paid our debt and completed the plan of redemption for us. Give us grace for the work Thou hast given us to do. Send us out to tell others of Thy finished work on Calvary. Lead us forth today in Thy name. Amen.

Strikers Roam City's Streets Crying 'Scab!'

HENDERSON (AP) — Under the watchful eyes of dozens of lawmen, resentful pickets and persistent non-strikers met each other again today as the work week neared its end in the taut, four-month strike at Harrierson, Cotton Mills.

At 2 p.m. today representatives of the company and the Textile Workers' Union of America (TWU) are to meet for another negotiating session—one which a union leader thinks can lead nowhere because "this company has no intention of settling this strike in a peaceful manner."

The president of the mills, however, expressed the opinion that some progress had been made at the session with federal and state mediators.

This morning the mediators conferred with Gov. Hodges after which the Governor conferred with several state officials including Atty. Gen. Malcolm Sealwell, Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Scheidt and SBI Director Walter Anderson. Patrol Lt. Dick Chadwick, in charge of the highway patrol contingent at Henderson, also attended.

Federal mediator Yates Heafner said his group merely reported to the Governor on the talks. Hodges' spokesman, Ed Rankin, said the meeting with Sealwell, Scheidt and the others was merely a regular conference that has become routine since violence erupted at the strike scene, Thursday night, crowds of strikers roamed restlessly about through the streets, shouting "Scab" outside the homes of non-strikers. The secretary, who were set off. One was outside the vacant home of a worker who had fired on and wounded another man there when he saw "trying to light something" Sunday night. The other explosion was not located.

At the police station, an assistant mill foreman, almost in tears, told officers the crowds were shouting names of non-strikers. "I've got a wife and kids—one of them an epileptic who can't stand a lot of noise," he said tightly. "I'm not going to stay for this. I'll kill somebody first."

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—THE COOK HAD NO CROSSBOW—

Ficcio traced the registration number on a metal band attached to the pigeon's leg and found it belonged to one E. S. Stansbury of Raleigh, N. C. "If previous experience means anything," Ficcio said, "Stansbury would want to reclaim the pigeon. The bird fanciers, a bombing or racing pigeon that doesn't come home has a good chance of being lost out of the pigeon family."

Instead, when the ship reached Philadelphia yesterday, he called Arthur Ficcio of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

PHILADELPHIA

"It is an ancient mariner," he said. "The cook, Eric Hagstedt, fed the bird. And the pigeon liked the food."

The ship put in at Boston and a crewman released the bird aboard. A few days later, as the Lia steamed toward Newfoundland, the pigeon came back.

PAT ASHORE

Again in Newfoundland, the Lia was put ashore, and again, as the Lia sailed for New York, the bird came back. It didn't like New York any better, because it rejoined the Lia for the trip to Philadelphia.

"Each turned his face with a ghastly pang, and cursed the cook" with his eye."

But Hagstedt knew better than to shoot the bird—the sin of the ancient mariner. Who knows what dreadful tragedy might have befallen the men of the Lia? Besides, Hagstedt didn't have a cross-bow.

Both man and bird were well.

—STUDENT EXPERIMENTER DEAD— Did Mushrooms Cause Death?

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP) — A toxicologist's report today may determine whether an 18-year-old University of Redlands biochemistry student died from the effects of a hypnotic drug last Tuesday.

Michael Hawks died shortly after he was found in a coma amid test tubes and vials in his room. Chemicals discovered in his dormitory room were identified tentatively as mushroom crystals, mescaline and lysergic acid, all of which produce hallucinations.

Young Hawks was described by relatives as "very curious about the effect of mushrooms on people, and interested in dreaming in color." Although he was a freshman student, he was an advanced in chemistry that he was enrolled in third year classes.

Deputy coroner Edward Doyle

has confiscated a tape recording on which Hawks appeared to describe eerie dreams. Chief of Police Stanley Bowen said it has been established that the young man conducted experiments with drugs on at least five university students, producing hallucinations by administering drugs.

NOTEBOOK ENTRIES

Bowen said investigators found a notebook with entries by Hawks which, coupled with conversations he had with Hawks, indicated one of his subjects had experienced hallucinations for a period of more than six hours.

"He acts sort of silly," Hawks wrote of his fellow student. "He wants to explain things. He feels wrong in the world. He is convinced that he is deceiving him. He sees a green tinge on behind my

head. These are true hallucinations."

"His throat and stomach are bothering him."

Police said other tape recordings contained a philosophical dissertation on colors, believed to be the work of a student to whom Hawks had given a hypnotic mushroom potion.

One of Hawks' log entries recorded reactions of a student to an amnesia known as LDS-25, which is said to cause temporary insanity.

A university spokesman said Hawks was warned in January to discontinue his experiments.

Mushrooms which cause visions have been known to man since the dawn of history. Mexican Indians use six varieties to heighten the ecstasy of religious ceremonies.

What's Inside

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